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In re Application of :  
Streekstra et al. :  
Application No. 10/518,949 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Filed: December 17, 2004 :  
Attorney Docket Number: BJS-4662-367 :

This is a decision on the petition, filed June 13, 2008 which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to properly respond to the Office action of November 29, 2007, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, a reply was due on or before February 29, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 3, 2008.

Petitioner states that a timely reply was mailed via electronic filing on May 29, 2008, which included the following papers: an amendment, Notice of Appeal (and fee) and three month extension of time.

Review of the file record shows the originally submitted reply sent on May 29, 2008 has been located.

Accordingly, the holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office action of November 29, 2007 is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

This application is being referred to Art Unit 1657 for appropriate action in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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